

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

ALGER COUNTY

This listing for Alger County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette County, Inc.

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties match at-risk elementary, middle, and high school youth with professionally screened adult volunteer mentors. These one-on-one matches assist the youth in moral, social, emotional, and character development. The volunteers help the youth develop as total persons who function in society as competent, confident, and caring adults. BBBS of Marquette and Alger Counties has four programs that include one-on-one, group, and e-mentoring—Community Based, School Based, Campus Kids, and Coast Guard for Kids. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves four to six hours per month during morning, afternoon, evening, or weekend hours. Mentors can select the program that best meets their schedule.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Volunteer Centers of Michigan

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

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MARESA: Michigan's AmeriCorps

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Program Description:

The MARESA AmeriCorps program places 19 AmeriCorps members in K-12 schools and community agencies such as the Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and YMCA. The members mentor elementary, middle, and high school students through one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Recreation and cultural activities are a big part of the programs provided. AmeriCorps members also recruit volunteers to support a variety of mentoring services. AmeriCorps members are expected to make a one year commitment and receive a living stipend for half- or full-time service. There are a variety of opportunities with flexible hours for community volunteers.

MENTOR MICHIGAN VI STA

The Mentor Michigan VI STA program supports Mentor Michigan's goal of recruiting 10,000 new mentors for Michigan youth. Through this program, 25 individuals will be serving full-time throughout Michigan to support the development of youth mentoring programs by:

- Identifying and securing resources to support the development and sustainability of mentoring programs.
- Recruiting mentors and connecting them with effective programs serving youth.
- Developing partnerships with business, faith-based and nonprofit organizations, education institutions, and government.
- Increasing public awareness about mentoring and the positive outcomes associated with it.
- Providing training and support for mentoring programs.

The Mentor Michigan VI STA program is managed by the Connect Michigan Alliance.

Marquette/Alger Youth Foundation

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